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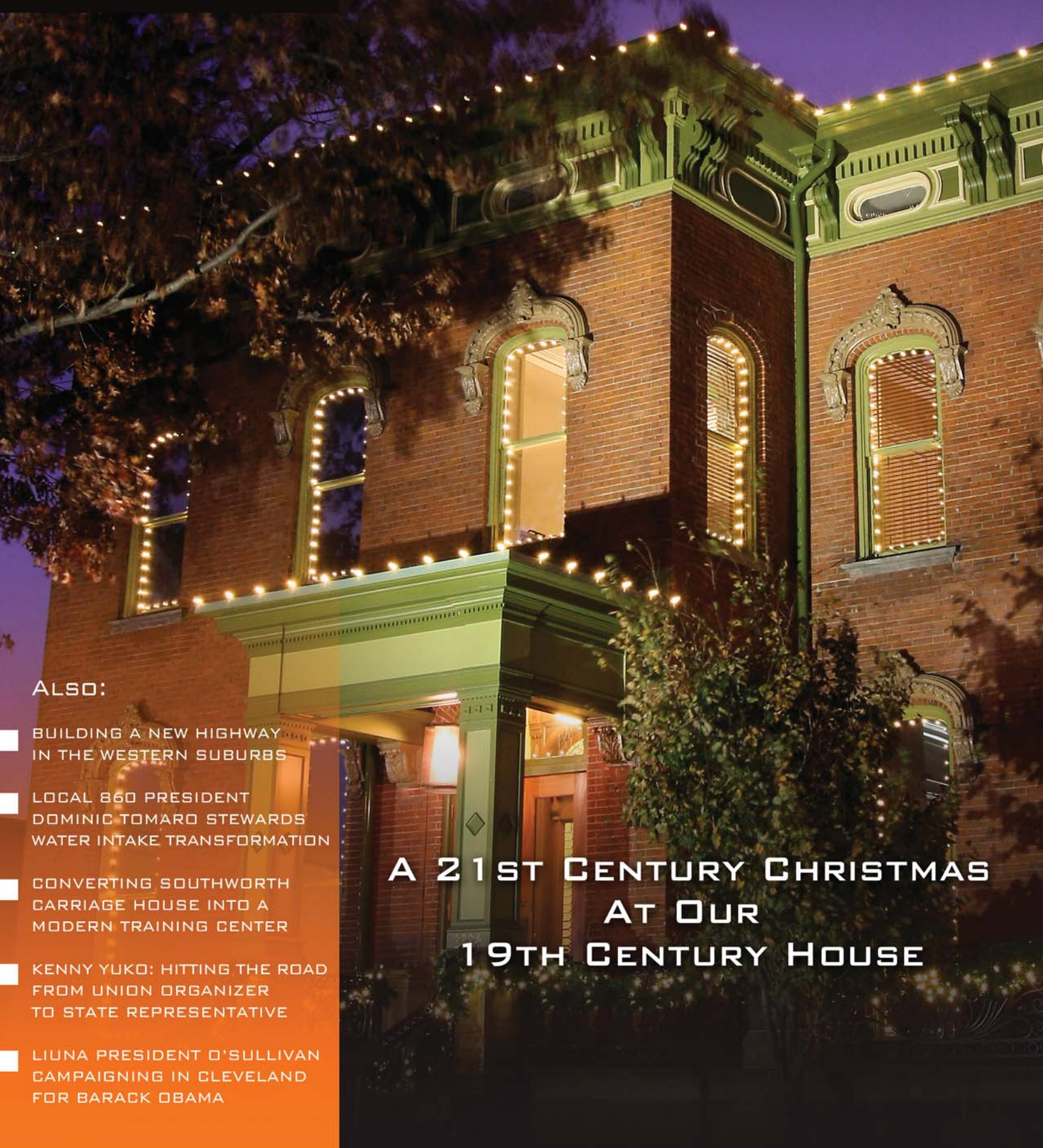
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A 21ST CENTURY CHRISTMAS AT OUR 19TH CENTURY HOUSE



THE DAWN OF A NEW ERA

A Message from Anthony D. Liberatore, Jr.



THE 2008 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION WAS A DEFINING MOMENT in American history. We elected our first minority President, Barack Obama, and the expectations for him run extraordinarily high. With his inauguration, however, steep challenges will arise. The two most pressing are dealing with our stuttering economy and confronting the need to keep the United States safe in an increasingly dangerous world.

The Laborers' International Union of North America, including Local 860, enthusiastically endorsed Senator Obama. He supports working men and women and the union cause.

Moreover, during the campaign Senator Obama talked about the need to upgrade the nation's infrastructure, including highways, sewer and water systems.

This commitment by President-elect Obama, as well as by the new Congress, should be continuing good news for Local 860. I say "continuing," because Local 860 members have been working at full throttle in recent months on a variety of important projects. And we anticipate a lot more work in 2009 and in subsequent years. In this issue of *The Express*, you will find articles about such projects that keep our members employed with excellent wages and benefits.

Future editions of *The Express* will discuss many of the vital projects in more detail. Of course, the men and women who will earn and advance the most are the ones who are the best trained. We have a highly developed Laborers statewide training center with a full slate of winter classes. To encourage training, attendees receive a check upon completion of each class.

Locally, we are offering classes to upgrade skills at our new training quarters in the carriage house behind the headquarters on Prospect. In celebrating this Christmas season, let us count our blessings and be thankful for our jobs, employers, families and country. And, of course, our Union, which is unceasing in advancing your standard of living.

I speak for the entire Local 860 leadership in saying how proud I am of our members.... I wish you and your families all the joy of the season and a healthy, prosperous and safe New Year.



A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "Anthony D. Liberatore, Jr." The signature is written in a cursive style.



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A 21st Century Christmas Comes Early to 19th Century Southworth House

IN CELEBRATION OF OUR SECOND CHRISTMAS at our new Union Hall, Southworth House, we decorated and lit it in an elegant and traditional fashion, perhaps something like the original occupants did in the late 19th century.

With one major exception: Our Christmas lights are electric, not candles.

“These special decorations are an expression of membership pride in their beautiful union offices and a demonstration of our commitment to the community,” says Tony Liberatore.

The Southworth lighting ceremony took place at dusk on the Saturday before Thanksgiving amid the distribution of gifts to members. Children were particularly delighted by Santa’s workshop.

“We used several thousand LEDs [Light Emitting Diodes] at Southworth and the carriage house in the rear,” says Dan Rich of Crowley’s Christmas Decor of Euclid, whose team painstakingly erected the lighting over three days. “The LEDs preserve the natural, soft-lighting glow and save up to 80 percent in energy consumption over incandescent bulbs.”

Above: “Santa Claus” Local 860 member Dale Johnson and a future Laborer.

Left: Local 860 members line up for the annual gift distribution at our Union Hall, Southworth House.



The side entrance of Southworth House decorated for the Holidays.



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Tony Liberatore presents 25-year watches to Joseph Plesnicar (upper left), Michael Ciciretti (upper right) and Michael Mazey (left.)



Loyalty and Dedication to Local 860

Congratulations to our 25-year and 50-year Members

25-Year

- Michael Ciciretti
- Alfred Ensign
- Don Gersten
- Steve Gibson
- Anthony Hartman
- Laura Hurt
- Donald Lavan, Jr.
- Michael Little
- Giuliano Maddamma
- Ronald Markley
- Michael Mazey
- Perkins McCallum, Jr.
- Raymond Myers
- Joseph Plesnicar
- James Spelic
- Robert Walker
- Robert Watkins

50-Year

- Nello Fantozzi
- Dennis Myers
- Anthony Plesnicar, Sr.
- Largel Tubbs
- Earnest Walker

Local 860's Christmas radiance along Prospect Avenue generated a positive community response. "We are extremely proud to have the Laborers' Local 860 in our neighborhood," observes Jim Haviland, executive director of MidTown Cleveland, the economic development group for the area.

"The Union's commitment to Cleveland is evident through the restoration of the historic Southworth House, and it continues with the Holiday lighting of the mansion. We are hopeful that the leadership shown by the Laborers will be embraced by the entire Prospect Avenue Historic District in the future."

In turning on the lights of the Southworth House, Tony Liberatore told the assembled members and their families, "We are all gathered here today in a meager expression of gratitude for the sacrifices our forefathers gifted us. In the spirit that has brought this great Union to the tremendous success that only 860 members deserve, we celebrate our upcoming Holiday season with thanks. May all hardworking families have a healthy, happy and safe Holiday season." ■



Santa makes a surprise visit to Local 860 headquarters, during our annual holiday distribution of gifts.





**Health
Clinic**



Members take advantage of extended Local 860 benefits.





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Crocker-Stearns Road Extension: A New Roadway for Local 860

SINCE THE WINTER OF 2007, members of Local 860 have been building a new road—one of the few new thoroughfares in Cuyahoga County—in North Olmsted and Westlake.

The work of our members employed by Fabrizi Trucking & Paving Company of Valley City includes creating an extension of Crocker Road in Westlake and Stearns Road in North Olmsted from Center Ridge Road to Lorain Road, while widening Stearns from Lorain Road to I-480.

Emil Fabrizi, President of Fabrizi Trucking, says that Local 860 members have done excellent work in relocating utilities—sanitary and storm sewers and water, power and gas lines—while building the road.

Because parts of the road are completely new, the company had to clear trees from Lorain to Center Ridge and install new storm sewers to drain sections of the land.

Left: Inspecting the construction of the new sound wall at Stearns Road. From left, Dave Ezinski, Mallory Jackson, Tony Liberatore and Scott Wald.



Tony Liberatore talks with Sam Fabrizi.



Frank Settoni

Nino Milia, Jr.



John Packer

From left: Pasquale Velotta and Angelo Romano with Tony Libertore.



Angelo Romano



Enzo DiLorito

Not only is the \$13-million construction project expected to relieve traffic through these growing suburbs when it opens in the summer of 2009, but it will ease access to the growing Crocker Park Shopping Center in Westlake.

Crocker Park is on 75 tree-lined acres at the intersection of Crocker and Detroit roads in Westlake. The \$480 million project encompasses 12 city blocks and features a mixture of retail stores, office buildings, restaurants, apartments and homes.

“Thanks to the hard, diligent and productive work of Local 860 members,” says Tony Libertore, “this project will finish months before the deadline. Not only does this project save taxpayers money, it provides safe transportation for motorists.” ■



Cleveland State
University
Kenny Yuko

SUCCESS STORY: In recognition of Local 860 members who have made uncommon achievements in their professional lives, the *860 Express* begins a feature column to recognize such outstanding men and women. Please send a letter to Business Manager Anthony D. Liberatore, Jr. if you have a suggestion for an upcoming profile.



Kenny Yuko working on the Lorain-Carnegie Bridge.

SUCCESS STORY

Kenny Yuko: Taking his Union Commitment From the Job to the Ohio General Assembly

WHEN KENNY YUKO SPEAKS IN THE OHIO GENERAL ASSEMBLY on behalf of working men and women, he doesn't speak hypothetically. He speaks from hands-on experience.

In fact, few political leaders in any part of the United States can claim such a homespun background as can this member of Laborers' Local 860 who is now serving his third two-year term as the State Representative from District 7, which includes Richmond Heights, Euclid, South Euclid and the Collinwood neighborhood of Cleveland.

"When I act in the Ohio General Assembly," says Yuko, who still pays his Local 860 dues, "I always know whom I

**Tony Liberatore acknowledges
Kenny Yuko's 25 years
with Local 860.**



represent. It is the union member, because I know how unions have improved the quality of life for all Americans.” Yuko insists that his quarter century with Local 860 work prepared him well for his second career. “I met people from all walks of life—in labor, business and government, and I used what I learned to start my public career,” he says.

Yuko was raised in Euclid and Lyndhurst. After graduation from Brush High School in 1968 and four years at Cuyahoga Community College and Kent State University, he took an unlikely professional path as a buyer for Polsky’s Department Store in Akron.

Yuko’s next step was a long one from buying men’s clothing. “When the store closed in 1975, I needed a good job for my growing family,” he remembers. After joining Laborers’ Local 310, he was sent to repair coke ovens at Republic Steel. Within a year, he transferred to Local 860 and helped to build the Perry Nuclear Power Plant in Lake County.

Shortly afterward, he moved to highway work for Ruhlin Construction and became a union steward, a position he maintained while working at the Southerly Wastewater Treatment Plant from 1977 to 1980. By 1980, union management had already discerned Yuko’s leadership skills. That year, while he was operating an air hammer on the Lorain-Carnegie Bridge, he was offered a new role as a Local 860 organizer.

Until he left in 2004 to run for elected office, Yuko focused on organizing government employees. Because of his successes, he was called upon by the Ohio General Assembly to help write the bill in 1984 that provided collective bargaining for state employees.



**Governor
Ted Strickland
with Kenny Yuko.**

Such experiences led Yuko to spearhead a drive within Local 860 to raise campaign funds for pro-labor candidates. Campaign funds were initially raised through raffles, yet that minimal process has morphed into a highly developed Political Action Fund. In 1997, Yuko and Business Representative David Pasqualone joined other selected LIUNA members in forming an International Public Employees Division, which has been very successful over the years.

“I took the next logical step—translating my union commitment into elected office,” Yuko says. In 2004, he ran for State Representative in District 7 and won the Democratic primary with 55 percent of the vote and the general election with 75 percent. Yuko was re-elected in 2006 with 80 percent of the vote and in 2008 with 82 percent.

As the ranking House minority member on the Commerce and Labor Committee in recent years, he has stood up for organized labor while working tirelessly on health care and pension issues. In 2006, after suffering from Multiple Sclerosis for many years, Yuko led the way in the General Assembly for the adoption of Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Month. That year, he was named Legislator of the Year by the Ohio Health Advocacy Network and in 2007 was inducted into the MS Hall of Fame.

“I never forget from where I came or those who helped me along the way,” says Yuko. “I try to be the voice of working families in Ohio.” “There is a job for everyone in America who wants to work,” he adds. “And if you work hard and have dreams, there are no limits to where you can go.” Local 860 Brother Kenny Yuko is living proof of his own words. ■



Tony Liberatore and Project Superintendent Tony Jenkins at the Kirtland Pump Station.

Tony DiSanto



Angelo Piccirillo



Woody Sorrentino



Dominic Tomaro and Tony Liberatore



Tony Liberatore and
Dominic Tomaro

Local 860 President Dominic Tomaro Stewards Important Water Department Effort

PERHAPS NOTHING IS MORE CRITICAL TO THE LIFE of our community than our water supply. And no union is more involved in guaranteeing the residents of Northeast Ohio abundant and clean water than Local 860.

With Union President Dominic Tomaro as steward, some 12 members of Local 860 have been working for Kokosing Construction Company since last summer on an \$18-million project to replace the City of Cleveland Water Department pumps at the Kirtland Pump Station at East 49th Street and the South Marginal. “While other unions are also involved,” says Tomaro, “Local 860 is principal union on this huge and important job.”

The undertaking calls for replacing and/or refurbishing the six massive electric pumps that pull water from Lake Erie and send it gushing through 48- and 60-inch pipes to the Baldwin Reservoir atop Martin Luther King Boulevard for household distribution.

When completed in the winter of 2010, the pumps, some of which are 80 years old, will all be operated by state-of-the-art computerized technology.

Construction began in 1896 on the Kirtland tunnel, one of the largest water-intake tubes in the world—26,000 feet long, nine feet in diameter with a daily capacity of 170 million gallons. The tunnel and Pump Station were completed in 1904 and a Pump Station expansion in 1927.

The Baldwin Reservoir, finished in 1925, has a capacity of more than 135 million gallons and is capable of pumping up to 200 million gallons per day. ■



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Carriage House Transformed
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Carriage House Transformed into Local 860 Training Center

WHEN THE LOCAL 860 MEMBERSHIP voted to restore a debilitated 19th century mansion on Prospect Avenue into a beautiful new headquarters known as Southworth House, we temporarily set aside rehabilitation of the carriage house in the rear.

Over the last few months, however, we have worked diligently to renovate the carriage house—once used for the horses and wagons of the original occupant of the mansion, William P. Southworth, an early president of National City Bank. The second story of the solidly built two and a half story brick carriage house is now a modern training center, where Local 860 will hold training and other instructional programs throughout the year.

These include a craft orientation class, which is required for apprentices, and a one-day class covering the fundamentals of plastic pipe fusion and repair of gas lines. Safety Training Passport (STP) will also be offered on site as it is every year.

Beyond the carriage house restoration, Local 860 purchased the commercial/warehouse building immediately west of Southworth. We cleaned and painted the interior and exterior and have converted the building into a parking garage that can also handle large-scale gatherings.

“The cost for acquiring and renovating Southworth and the other buildings was fully funded by the Union’s prudent investment returns and is far less than what would have been the cost of a new headquarters,” says Business Manager Tony Liberatore. “Most importantly, it was made possible by support from our versatile and productive membership.”

All Local 860 members are urged to visit the new facilities and to call David Pasqualone at Extension 103 to learn about training opportunities. ■

Left: What was once a hay loft for horses is now the Local 860 modern training center.



From left, Business Agent Mark Olivo, Local 860 President Dominic Tomaro, Business Agent Lenny Rizzo, Local 860 Business Manager Tony Liberatore, General President Terrence O'Sullivan, Local 860 Insurance Consultant Mark Ruzic, Business Agent Mallory Jackson, Retiree Pete Nunes. Local 860 Vice President Hugh Phillips is kneeling.

Laborers' District Council of Ohio Brings General President Terry O'Sullivan to Cleveland for Election Effort

TONY LIBERATORE, THE BUSINESS MANAGER OF LOCAL 860, was among the many labor leaders from across Ohio who joined LIUNA General President Terry O'Sullivan in Independence for a late fall pre-election rally for Barack Obama.

"We are always honored to have the leadership of our great brotherhood in Cleveland," says Liberatore. "Furthermore, it shows how important Ohio is in the Presidential campaign." ■

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Upcoming Events



FEBRUARY 20-22, 2009

FAMILY WEEKEND AT KALAHARI INDOOR WATER PARK, Sandusky. We are now accepting reservations. See pages 26 for details.



TRAINING SCHEDULE

THE 2008-2009 TRAINING SCHEDULE is posted at the Union Hall. Please contact David Pasqualone to sign up for a class.



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Mallory Jackson
(ext. 105)



Mark Olivo
(ext. 106)



Lenny Rizzo
(ext. 107)

Secretaries
(ext. 0)



Kalahari Getaway Weekend

February 20-22, 2009

WE ARE NOW ACCEPTING RESERVATIONS for our 3rd Annual Kalahari Getaway Weekend. Space is limited, so reservations will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis and will be processed in the order they are received. Your reservation is not complete until we receive the registration form (below) and full payment. We will not accept reservations over the telephone. Only one room per active member please. If we run out of rooms, you will have top priority for the 2010 trip. You may indicate your interest in an additional room, and if space is available, you will be contacted in the order your registration was received.

DATE: February 20-22, 2009

RESERVATION DEADLINE: First come, first served, but not later than January 16, 2009.

PRICE: \$200 (includes 2 nights for 4 people with full access to the waterpark) You may add up to two people for \$20.00 per night/per person. Please include them in your number of guests, but you will pay the additional money when you check in at Kalahari.



Kalahari Registration Form

Member's Name: _____

SSN or Membership No.: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone No.: _____ Cell: _____

Number of Adults: _____ Number of Children: _____

I have enclosed \$200 for one room.

Yes, if space allows, I am interested in an additional room. I understand that the deadline is January 16th, and I will be contacted after that date if space is available. I also understand that once I have been contacted for an additional room, I must accept and send additional money within 24 hours of being contacted.

Please mail registration form and check made payable to Laborers' Local 860 to:
Nadine Morana, Laborers' Local 860, 3334 Prospect Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44115



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